

## Population

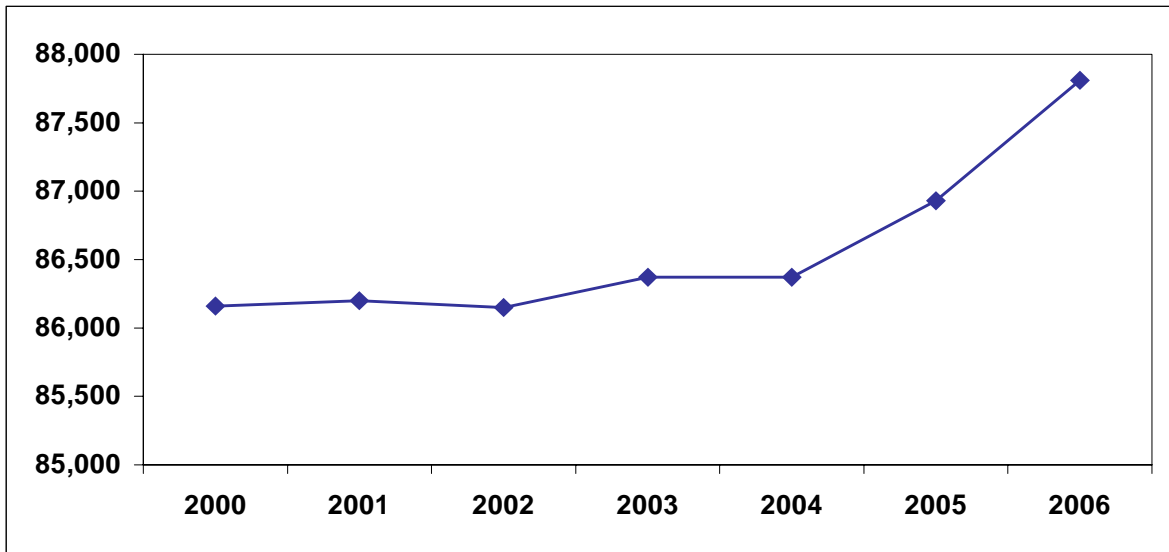
Stirling's population is growing. Population growth in Stirling between 2000 and 2006 was two per cent, double the one per cent average rate of growth for Scotland as a whole. Stirling's population growth is projected to continue, with a forecast increase of 12 per cent between 2006 and 2031, more than double the five per cent rate of growth forecast for Scotland as a whole.



Stirling's population is projected to increase from 87,810 residents (GRO, 2006) to 97,954 residents in 2031

Figure 1 below plots Stirling's population growth between 2000 and 2006 (1,500 increase).

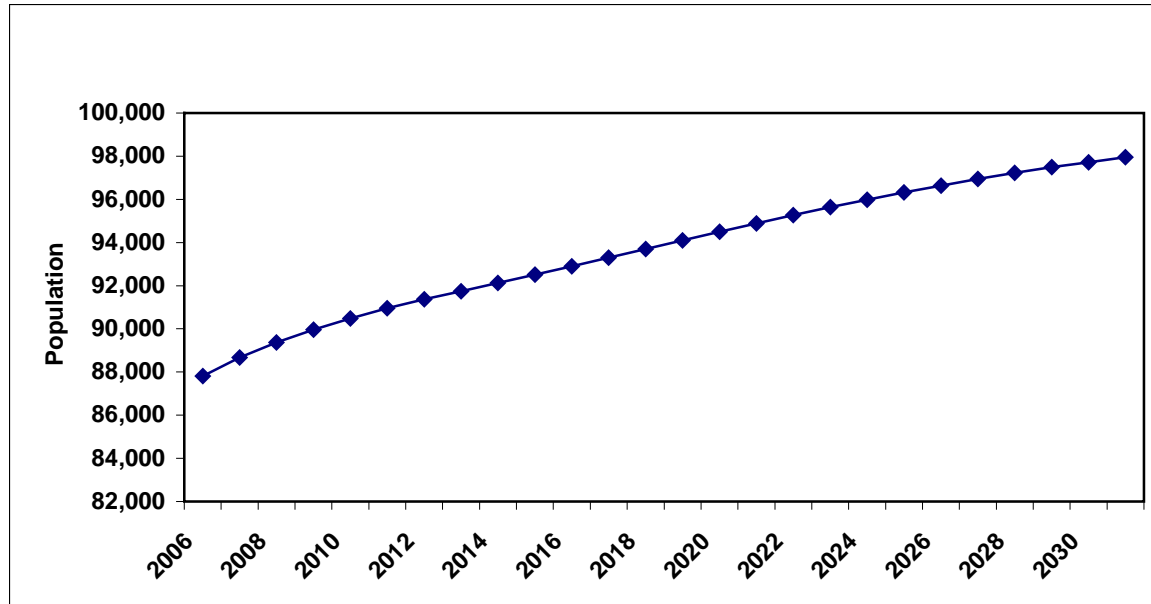
**Figure 1: Population Time Series Data, Stirling Council Area**



Source: General Register Office for Scotland – Mid Year Population Estimates, Nomis

Figure 2 plots population projections for Stirling for the 2006 to 2031 time period. Stirling's population is projected to increase by 10,144 between 2006 and 2031.

**Figure 2: 2006 Based Population Projections, Stirling Council Area**



Source: General Register Office for Scotland – Population Projections

Stirling's population has a similar age structure to Scotland's population as a whole (Figure 3).

**Figure 3: Population Age Structure, Stirling Council Area and Scotland, 2006**

Age	Scotland		Stirling	
	number	per cent	number	per cent
<15	856,100	16.7	15,500	17.7
15-29	978,100	19.1	17,100	19.4
30-44	1,107,100	21.6	18,000	20.4
45-59	1,058,100	20.7	18,100	20.6
60 +	1,117,500	21.8	19,200	21.9
Working Age 16-59/64	3,212,557	62.8	54,310	61.8
Total	5,116,900	100.0	87,800	100.0

Source: General Register Office for Scotland – Mid Year Population Estimates, Nomis

Figure 4 provides population data for a number of key settlements in the Stirling Council area.

**Figure 4: Mid 2004 Population Estimates by Settlement, Stirling Council Area**

<b>Settlement</b>	<b>Population</b>
Aberfoyle	640
Balfron	1,730
Callander	2,820
Cowie	2,500
Doune	1,620
Drymen	760
Dunblane	8,540
Fallin	2,750
Gargunnoch	820
Killlearn	1,760
Killin	640
Kippen	1,000
Plean	1,760
Stirling	44,440
Strathblane	1,820
Thornhill	560

*Source:* General Register Office for Scotland – Mid 2004 Population Estimates by Settlement

*Notes:* Latest data available